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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens was steady with some spot unsettledness noted on 12-16 lb. sizes, toms steady to instances weak with some sellers willing to negotiate. Holiday fill-in demand moderate to good on fresh and frozen whole turkeys. Offerings of hens were light at best, however some spot availability was noted on 12-16 lb. sizes. Bulk parts demand and trading was light to fair.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow to moderate. Offerings light to adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 02, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	79	79.00	80	-	-	-	800	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	760	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	720	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 03, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.50 **	75.00	69.50	EASTERN REGION	78.29	76.89	69.33
CENTRAL REGION	79.00	78.00	67.00	CENTRAL REGION	77.93	76.76	68.07
WESTERN REGION	79.50 **	79.50 **	69.00 **	WESTERN REGION	79.35	76.78	69.14
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.30 **	70.00	65.00	EASTERN REGION	74.21	75.95	64.92
CENTRAL REGION	71.00 **	74.00	61.00	CENTRAL REGION	74.46	75.83	63.86
WESTERN REGION	72.95 **	74.50 **	63.90 **	WESTERN REGION	75.85	76.08	64.85

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 06-DEC-2004

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	93.16	890,000
16-24 lbs.	91.00	390,150

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	160,000
16-24 lbs.	--	160,000

Total Volume:      1,600,150

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NOTE: For continuity during the report transition to a national basis,  
Eastern Region data will be shown separately until December 2.

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**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-DEC-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	92.63    370	92.00    160
SALES (Promotions not Included)	92.63    370	92.00    160
SALES (Promotions Only)		
SALES (Price to be Determined)	160	160

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 27-Nov-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG TURKEYS				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE			LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	320	-58	22.08	(A)	323	22.08
South Atlantic	376	-51	34.54	(A)	379	34.54
North Central	1,294	-40	32.99	(A)	1,297	32.99
South Central	184	-58	24.09	(A)	187	24.09
West	194	-66	25.95	(A)	197	25.95
U.S. total	2,368(B)	-49	30.48	15	2,383	30.48
To-date						
2004	204,710(B)			329	205,039	
To-date						
2003	222,068(B)			594	222,662	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date 2,404,000; for last year to date 3,003,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	429,228*
November 1-27, 2004	388,394*

To date 2004	4,597,685*
To date 2003	4,933,029*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 27-Nov-2004

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
Head	844	1,516	8	15	2,383
Avg Wt	15.91	38.63	25.56	28.64	30.48
Last week	1,840	2,803	32	1	4,676
Same wk yr ago	1,018	1,605	50	5	2,678
Avg Wt	15.61	37.60	26.57	29.30	29.02
To-date/2004	81,942	120,364	2,404	329	205,039
To-date/2003	89,408	129,657	3,003	594	222,662

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to instances fully steady with mixed optimism reported. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to instances weak mostly steady to barely steady. Tom 2-joint wings steady with some spot unsettledness noted and tom necks steady. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings light but spotty, tom necks light to adequate, tom drums tight to instances fully adequate mostly light to adequate with age sometimes a factor, and tom full-cut wings short to instances ample mostly adequate. The market tone on frozen thigh meat ranged from steady on product -90 days age to fully steady on -30 day old product. Fresh thigh meat market tone at least steady. Export frozen thigh meat inquiry ranged from slow on -90 day old product to sometimes moderate on -30 day old product. Fresh thigh meat demand light to moderate. Thigh meat offerings of -90 old product light to adequate, -30 day production tight. Export interest was noted from Mexico with inquiry sometimes qualified by age and other factors. Some export interest was also noted from Eastern Europe and Asia. For domestic (fresh): Grade A 11-14 lb. WOGs 80, scapula 122-128.75, wing meat with skin 120, breast trim 140 shipping point and delivered, young tom full-cut wings 44-48, frozen livers 24-25, frozen breeder hen wings 51.50 cents delivered. Tom hand defatted gizzards 54.50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	95.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	86
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00-49.50		49.48	162
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	53.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.00-55.00		54.30	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	94.00-96.00		95.00	40
NECKS, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.78	51
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	16
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	216.00-219.00		217.03	305
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00		91.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	167.00		167.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	193.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.04	520
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-38.00		37.75	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	20.00	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-85.50		81.48	284

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances fully steady, balance of fresh white meat steady to fully steady. The overall fresh white meat market strength continued to be unseasonally strong for the time of year. Demand moderate. Offerings ranged from mostly adequate on fresh tom breast meat to short on fresh scapula and breast trim. Trading slow to moderate and centered on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on frozen mechanically separated turkey for export. Fresh scapula traded at 121 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	80	98.20	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	95.00	400	95.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.67	60	38.93	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	86	40.00	86
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	39.00	20	39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00		47.00	40	48.99	202
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	53.00	17		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	54.30	66	54.30	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	95.00	40	95.00	40
NECKS, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.33	60	28.00	111
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	16		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	213.00-218.00		214.96	257	216.07	642
THIGH MEAT	86.00		86.00	10	86.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	89.00-96.00		90.83	84	90.91	164
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00		140.00	40	140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		R	167.00	16	167.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	176.00		176.00	40	176.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00-193.00		192.42	143	192.42	143
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.29	168	18.85	688
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	37.75	160	37.75	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	20.00	144		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-21.00		19.30	276	19.28	368
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00		85.00	80	82.62	404

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